

Daxon has contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Daxon designed and constructed steps and handrails at his church to aid the older generations of his church to reach the pulpit to speak.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Daxon James Weaver for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

HONORING THE AUGUSTA STATE UNIVERSITY MEN'S GOLF TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2010 NCAA DIVISION I NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

**HON. PAUL C. BROWN**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 24, 2010*

Mr. BROWN of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments of the NCAA National Champion Augusta State University men's golf team. The Jaguars, competing in their first ever Division I National Championship, beat seven larger schools from prestigious conferences to win their first national title.

In a classic "David vs. Goliath" battle, this year's NCAA national championship came down to the wire as Augusta State defeated 10-time champs Oklahoma State 3-1-1 in the final match of the 112th NCAA Championships at The Honors Course just outside Chattanooga, Tennessee. Led by this year's National Coach of the Year Josh Gregory, the Augusta State men's golf team has stamped its name in the record books and established what I hope becomes a dynasty.

Jake Amos, Olle Bengtsson, Jacob Carlsson, Taylor Floyd, Brendan Gillins, Mitch Krywulycz, Carter Newman, Henrik Norlander, Patrick Reed, Shawn Yim, Coach Josh Gregory, students, faculty, and supporters should all be immensely proud. I congratulate them all, and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing their success and wishing them all the best in future seasons.

RECOGNIZING 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF UNITED STATES-JAPAN TREATY OF MUTUAL COOPERATION AND SECURITY

SPEECH OF

**HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 23, 2010*

Mr. CONYERS. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of House Resolution 1464, which commemorates the 50th Anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security and affirms our alliance with Japan and commitment to peace and prosperity for the U.S. and Japan, as well as the Asia-Pacific region.

The U.S.-Japan Alliance, rooted in our shared values and democratic ideals, provides a climate of stability for East Asia that has enabled all nations of the region to develop and prosper. I do believe the time has come to rethink our large military footprint near Okinawa.

The Japanese are our partners and allies; a large military presence within their country is likely seen by a younger generation as unnecessary and unwelcome.

The U.S. and Japan should enhance regional cooperation in the Asia-Pacific region. We should work together to respond to natural disasters and to provide humanitarian relief in the region. We must make efforts to prevent the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and seek the peace and security of a world without nuclear weapons. We must deepen our cooperation and strengthen our Alliance.

As the Treaty marks its 50th Anniversary, I urge my colleagues to support this resolution to recommit ourselves to further build a strong and cohesive U.S.-Japanese Alliance.

TRIBUTE TO 2LT JOHN L. MCMAHAN

**HON. HAROLD ROGERS**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 24, 2010*

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Kentucky National Guardsman 2LT John L. McMahan who earned the rare honor of receiving the Kentucky Medal of Valor for his heroic actions on January 27, 2010 in Perry County, Kentucky.

Lieutenant McMahan was en route to a military drill on that January morning when he discovered an overturned vehicle in the bitter-cold winter stream of Lotts Creek in Perry County. In true first-responder style, his training kicked into high gear when he realized a woman was trapped inside the vehicle. McMahan dispatched a call for assistance and waded in the freezing water for more than 30 minutes, calming the woman trapped inside, until firefighters arrived to extricate her. When help arrived, he did not back away. McMahan joined the crew in carrying her out to safety.

McMahan is no stranger to risking his own life for others. In addition to service for his country, he is also a Captain and 17-year veteran with the Kentucky State Police. McMahan is only the 47th Kentucky National Guardsman to receive the Kentucky Medal of Valor and it is an honor well deserved.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring John L. McMahan for his selfless public protection and service to the families of eastern Kentucky, our Commonwealth and our great Nation.

SUPPORTING DESIGNATION OF YEAR OF THE FATHER

SPEECH OF

**HON. DANNY K. DAVIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, June 23, 2010*

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I wish to take this opportunity to support the designating of 2010 as the Year of the Father. One hundred years ago, Father's Day was founded by a mother who recognized the vitally important role of fatherhood. As a father myself, I am honored and humbled by this annual day of recognition and celebration, and happily recall

all the positive memories and influences my own father had with me.

I'm sure that most people in this room already know of the importance of fathers. Fathers bring love, care, and emotional support that work in tandem with the support of mothers to bring about positive development for their children. For some, however, fatherhood is a foreign concept. Twenty-three percent of families with children in 2008 were maintained by single mothers. Approximately sixty percent of children born during the 1990s lived or would live significant portions of their lives without fathers. For minorities, the numbers are even more daunting, with only thirty-five percent of African American children living with two married parents, and only fifty percent of children having regular contact with their fathers.

For these same minority families, being a father is simply not the same. Barriers like education and access to jobs continue to restrict the involvement of men who would otherwise be involved fathers. While it is important to promote and celebrate the significance of fathers, it is equally important to recognize that fatherhood comes with varying obstacles and responsibilities for every background. To fully promote a healthy nation and support the ideals behind designating 2010 as the Year of the Father, it is crucial that we pursue more opportunities for non-custodial and would-be fathers to live up to their potential, and the potential of our present and future generations.

It is my hope that by declaring 2010 as the Year of the Father, we would not only be honoring and recognizing the importance of fathers to the family, but also encouraging reform to make fatherhood a reality for countless Americans.

HONORING OUR NATION'S HEROES FROM THE KOREAN WAR

**HON. C. W. BILL YOUNG**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 24, 2010*

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to join my colleagues in our solemn recognition this morning of the 60th anniversary of the Korean War as we pay tribute to the American heroes who served in the finest tradition in that so called "Forgotten War."

To this member though, Korea was far from a forgotten war. It was war in which more than 36,000 Americans lost their lives defending our ideals of freedom and democracy against communist aggression.

It was 60 years ago that North Korean troops stormed across the 38th parallel into South Korea, launching a three-year conflict that culminated in an armistice in 1953. The ferocious North Korean attack caught the South Korean army by surprise—they rapidly advanced, seizing the capital in a few short days. Concerned over the spread of communism, President Truman ordered U.S. forces to defend South Korea as part of a United Nations Task Force. Unfortunately, that initial effort did little to stop the advance and our forces suffered heavy losses during their first significant engagement of the war.

For the next couple of months, the situation looked extremely dire as U.N. forces were beaten back all the way to Pusan. There, however, we held the line with the Battle of Pusan